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| Please | note: all results are shown as percentages unles | ss other | wise stated. | |
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| S2a. | Does anyone in your household work for a radio s agency? | tation, a | television station, a | ı newspaper, or an advertisinç |
| | No | 100 | CONTINUE TERMINATE | [108] |
| S2b. | And does anyone in your household work actively | in politic | s for a political party | or as a campaign worker? |
| | No Yes Not sure | 100 - - | CONTINUE TERMINATE | _ [109] |
| S3. | Are you currently registered to vote in North Caroli | na? | | |
| | Yes, registered No, not registered Not sure | 100 - - | CONTINUE TERMINATE | __ [110] |
| S4. | In which party are you registered to vote? | | | |
| | The Democratic Party The Republican Party Some other party Unaffiliated with any party | | 37 [111] 34 3 26 | |
| S5a. | Did you vote in the November 2016 election for pre | esident? | | |
| | Yes, voted No, did not vote Not sure | 94 6 - | CONTINUE Skip to Q.S6 | [112] |
| (ASK (S5b | ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "YES, VOTE Which candidate did you vote for in the 2016 electi | | | |

| Donald Trump, the Republican | 48 | [113] |
|-------------------------------|----|-------|
| Hillary Clinton, the Democrat | 45 | |
| Gary Johnson, the Libertarian | 7 | |

S6. Knowing it is a long way off, what are the chances you will be voting in the elections in North Carolina in November 2020 for president, governor, state legislature, or other local offices?

| I am certain to vote | 90 | | [114] |
|-------------------------------------|----|-----------|-------|
| I probably will vote | 7 | CONTINUE | |
| There is a 50-50 chance I will vote | 3 | | |
| I probably will not vote | - | | |
| I definitely will not vote | - | TERMINATE | |

1a. Generally speaking, do you think things in North Carolina today are moving in the right direction or heading off on the wrong track?

| | 3/20 | 2/19 | <u>1/19</u> | |
|-----------------|------|------|-------------|-------|
| Right direction | 52 | 56 | 53 | [115] |
| Wrong track | 48 | 44 | 47 | |

1b. Please indicate in the space provided the biggest issue or problem facing North Carolina today.

| Education, lack of quality education, poor schools | 15% |
|--|-----|
| Health care, affordable health care | 8 |
| Teachers pay, higher pay for teachers | 6 |
| Jobs, employment, job creation | 5 |
| Criticisms of Republicans, Republican legislature | 5 |
| Roads, highways, infrastructure | 5 |
| Illegal immigrants, illegal immigration | 5 |
| Economy, economic issues | 4 |
| Racism, discrimination | 4 |
| Don't know, no response | 6% |

1c. Now you will read some issues that impact people here in North Carolina. For each one, please indicate whether you think government should have a major role, some role, minor role, or no real role in dealing with these issues.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MAJOR ROLE

| | Major <u>Role</u> | Some <u>Role</u> | Minor <u>Role</u> | No Real <u>Role</u> | |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| Access to K-through-12 public education | 58 | 28 | 9 | 5 | [148] |
| Ensure equal pay for equal work regardless of race ** | 52 | 32 | 9 | 7 | [158] |
| Access to affordable healthcare | 50 | 27 | 17 | 6 | [147] |
| Ensure that those who struggle to make ends meet have access to basic healthcare | 48 | 32 | 16 | 4 | [152] |
| Ensure equal pay for equal work regardless of gender * | 47 | 28 | 16 | 9 | [156] |
| Ensure that those who struggle to make ends meet have access to food | 43 | 36 | 17 | 4 | [151] |
| Access to affordable housing | 38 | 36 | 20 | 6 | [153] |
| Remove barriers to opportunity for people of color | 38 | 31 | 20 | 11 | [154] |
| Affordable higher education | 37 | 36 | 18 | 9 | [149] |
| Reduce income inequality * | 33 | 27 | 22 | 18 | [155] |
| Affordable utility costs | 32 | 42 | 18 | 8 | [150] |
| Reduce the concentration of wealth at the top ** | 32 | 22 | 16 | 30 | [157] |

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

2a. Thinking about the financial outlook for you and your family, are you optimistic about your financial outlook for the future, or are you concerned about it?

| Very optimistic | 18 | [159] |
|---------------------|----|-------|
| Somewhat optimistic | 39 | |
| Neutral | 25 | |
| Somewhat concerned | 13 | |
| Very concerned | 5 | |
| Total Optimistic | 57 | |
| Total Concerned | 18 | |

2b. Below are several income brackets. Please select the annual income ranges that someone would be in for you to consider them "rich." Select as many brackets as apply.

| \$49,999 or less | 14 | [160] |
|------------------------|----|-------|
| \$50,000 to \$149,999 | 19 | > |
| \$150,000 to \$249,999 | 24 | |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 30 | |
| \$500,000 to \$999,999 | 33 | |
| \$1 million or more | 33 | |

3a. Below you will see several reasons why people work or different aspects of a job that might be important to people. Thinking about what you believe an employer should be required to provide--regardless of whether you are currently working--please rank each one of these on a scale of 0 to 10 to describe how important it is as a part of having a job.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY EXTREMELY IMPORTANT (RATING "8-10")

| | Total | Extremely Important | | , | | | |
|---|-------------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|--|
| | <u>8-10</u> | <u>9-10</u> | <u>7-8</u> | <u>5-6</u> | <u>0-4</u> | | |
| To earn a wage that supports a family | 82 | 68 | 22 | 8 | 2 | [167-168] | |
| To have a steady, consistent stream of income to support your day-to-day life | 81 | 66 | 24 | 7 | 3 | [169-170] | |
| To have access to affordable health insurance | 78 | 64 | 23 | 10 | 3 | [173-174] | |
| To have a way to save for retirement | 73 | 57 | 30 | 10 | 3 | [171-172] | |
| To have paid sick time | 72 | 54 | 29 | 13 | 4 | [165-166] | |
| To have accommodations for maternity leave | 57 | 38 | 32 | 16 | 14 | [161-162] | |
| To have paid family leave | 54 | 36 | 30 | 22 | 12 | [163-164] | |
| To earn overtime pay | 50 | 34 | 32 | 22 | 12 | [175-176] | |

3b. You will now see the same list of items. Please select the three issues you think are the most important aspects of a job.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF COMBINED TOP TWO CHOICES

| | Combined Top Two <u>Choices</u> | Combined Top Three <u>Choices</u> | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| To earn a wage that supports a family | 61 | 73 | [177-179] |
| To have a steady, consistent stream of income to support your day-to-day life | 51 | 66 | |
| To have access to affordable health insurance | 47 | 76 | |
| To have a way to save for retirement | 23 | 47 | |
| To have paid sick time | 9 | 19 | |
| To earn overtime pay | 6 | 11 | |
| To have paid family leave | 2 | 6 | |
| To have accommodations for maternity leave | 1 | 3 | |
| | | | |

Moving along...

4. Below is a list of programs and policies that are funded in large part by state tax revenue. Please rate each on a scale of 0 to 10 based on how important it is to spend state tax revenue to fund these programs, where a 10 means they are extremely important, a 5 means they are somewhat important, and a 0 means they are not at all important to use tax revenue to fund. You may use any number between a 0 and a 10.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY EXTREMELY IMPORTANT (RATING "8-10")

| | Total | Extremely Important | | Not At All Important | | |
|---|-------------|---------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|
| | <u>8-10</u> | <u>9-10</u> | <u>7-8</u> | <u>5-6</u> | <u>0-4</u> | |
| K-12 public schools | 76 | 61 | 23 | 12 | 4 | [208-209] |
| Roads and infrastructure | 75 | 55 | 31 | 13 | 1 | [212-213] |
| Disaster and emergency response | 72 | 51 | 34 | 13 | 2 | [218-219] |
| Healthcare | 63 | 49 | 27 | 16 | 8 | [216-217] |
| Anti-poverty programs like food or housing assistance | 50 | 34 | 30 | 25 | 11 | [214-215] |
| Higher education and universities | 49 | 31 | 32 | 25 | 12 | [210-211] |

5. Now, the following are some statements that people have made about state taxes. Please rate each statement on a scale of 0 to 10, where a 10 means you STRONGLY agree with the statement, a 5 means you somewhat agree, and a 0 means you do NOT agree at all. You may use any number between a 0 and 10.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONGLY AGREE (RATING "8-10")

| | Total | Strongly Agree | | 0, | | |
|---|-------------|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| | <u>8-10</u> | <u>9-10</u> | <u>7-8</u> | <u>5-6</u> | <u>0-4</u> | |
| Taxes are a way to ensure that we have the resources for our public education system that allows us to compete on the world stage | 60 | 44 | 30 | 19 | 7 | [222-223] |
| Taxes are a way to ensure resources are available when natural and economic disasters strike | 60 | 42 | 32 | 19 | 7 | [228-229] |
| Taxes are a way to provide for public needs | 56 | 39 | 32 | 21 | 8 | [224-225] |
| Taxes help to ensure that communities in need have the resources to achieve their full potential and thrive | 46 | 26 | 35 | 24 | 15 | [230-231] |
| Taxes are a way to make sure that families in North Carolina have what they need when they fall on hard times | 38 | 22 | 30 | 27 | 21 | [226-227] |
| Taxes are a way to reduce concentration of income in the hands of the richest few | 26 | 17 | 21 | 21 | 41 | [220-221] |

6. You will now see a few statements about establishing a new state tax. Please rate each one on a scale of 0 to 10 in terms of how persuasive you think that statement is. On this scale, a 10 means the statement is extremely persuasive, a 0 means the statement is NOT persuasive at all, and a 5 is right in the middle. Again, you may use any number between a 0 and a 10.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY EXTREMELY PERSUASIVE (RATING "8-10")

| | Total | Extremely Persuasive | | Not Persuasive At All | | |
|---|-------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------|
| | <u>8-10</u> | <u>9-10</u> | <u>7-8</u> | <u>5-6</u> | <u>0-4</u> | |
| We all want a strong state economy that benefits us all, whether we're white, Black, or brown. Raising the tax rates paid by those with high incomes and big companies doesn't hurt the economyit helps support the investments in things that help our state thrive, like a quality education system, access to healthcare, and clean and safe communities. Other states that have increased their top income tax rates have done so without harming their economies. It's time for us to increase the tax rate for the richest people and biggest companies so our economy works for everyone, not just the special interests who want to rig the system ** | 49 | 37 | 23 | 19 | 21 | [246- 247] |
| North Carolina's tax code is not keeping up with our growing needs. Although our state seeks to provide each of us with a high quality of life, it's already struggling to keep up with investments needed to make life better for working people. We need a tax code that lets us invest in education, create betterpaying jobs, and make healthcare more affordable for white, Black, and brown North Carolinians struggling to make ends meetnot a tax code that is being rigged by lawmakers and the special interests who are paying them ** | 48 | 30 | 32 | 19 | 19 | [240- 241] |
| Whether we're white, Black, or brown, most of us want pretty similar things-enough books and supplies in our community classrooms, safe drinking water and air to breathe, and affordable colleges, universities, and trade schools. We could generate more revenue for these priorities in communities across our state with a tax structure where, the more you make, the more you have to pay in taxes. It's time for us to clean up the tax code to benefit all of us, not just the special interests who want to rig the system ** | 48 | 34 | 31 | 17 | 18 | [244- 245] |
| Since 2013, tax cuts in North Carolina have primarily benefited the richest taxpayers and profitable big corporations. Seventy-one percent of the tax cuts have been given to the top 20% of taxpayers, while a person making less than \$20,000 has received an average tax cut of just \$18 * | 47 | 35 | 19 | 20 | 26 | [234- 235] |
| Raising the tax rates paid by those with high incomes and big companies doesn't hurt the economyit helps support the investments in things that help our state thrive, like a quality education system, access to healthcare, and clean and safe communities. Other states that have increased their top income tax rates have done so without harming their economies * | 45 | 32 | 23 | 23 | 22 | [238- 239] |
| Tax cuts over the past few years in North Carolina have primarily benefited the richest taxpayers and most profitable big corporations. Seventy-one percent of the tax cuts have been given to the top 20% of taxpayers, while a person making less than \$20,000 has received an average tax cut of just \$18 ** | 45 | 32 | 22 | 22 | 24 | [242- 243] |
| Most of us want pretty similar thingsenough books and supplies in our community classrooms, safe drinking water and air to breathe, and affordable colleges, universities, and trade schools. We could generate more revenue for these priorities in communities across our state with a tax structure where the more you make, the more you pay in taxes * | 44 | 29 | 29 | 26 | 16 | [236- 237] |
| North Carolina's tax code is not keeping up with our growing needs. Although our state seeks to provide each of us with a high quality of life, it's already struggling to keep up with investments needed to make life better for working people. We need a tax code that lets us invest in education, create betterpaying jobs, and make healthcare more affordable for North Carolinians | | | | | | [232- |
| struggling to make ends meet * | 42 | 27 | 31 | 25 | 17 | 233] |

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM $\acute{\text{B}}$).

7a. Are you familiar with the Earned Income Tax Credit?

| Yes, familiar | 62 | [248] |
|------------------|----|-------|
| No, not familiar | 38 | |

7b. Below is a brief description of the state Earned Income Tax Credit.

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a tax cut for working families struggling to make ends meet. Reestablishing a North Carolina EITC would provide a tax cut to more than one million families in our state. The EITC has been linked to improvements in the health and well-being of children whose families receive it in other states, and increased access to healthcare.

Based on what you have read, do you favor or oppose establishing a state Earned Income Tax Credit in North Carolina?

| Strongly favor | 34 | [249] |
|---------------------------------------|----|-------|
| Somewhat favor | 39 | |
| Somewhat oppose | 9 | |
| Strongly oppose | 5 | |
| Do not know enough to have an opinion | 13 | |
| Total Favor | 73 | |
| Total Oppose | 14 | |

8a. You will now read what some people who OPPOSE restoring the state Earned Income Tax Credit in North Carolina might say.

The EITC has a high error and fraud rate, and for most recipients it creates a disincentive to increase earnings. Also, the refundable part of the EITC imposes a \$60 billion cost on other taxpayers, reducing their incentives to work, invest, and pursue other productive activities.

Based on what you just heard, do you feel this is a strong reason, medium reason, or weak reason to oppose restoring the state Earned Income Tax Credit in North Carolina?

| Strong reason to oppose | 23 | [250] |
|-------------------------|----|-------|
| Medium reason to oppose | 44 | |
| Weak reason to oppose | 33 | |

8b. You will now read some reasons that people have given for restoring the state Earned Income Tax Credit in North Carolina. For each one, please indicate whether it is a strong reason, medium reason, or weak reason to support restoring the state Earned Income Tax Credit in North Carolina.)

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONG REASON TO SUPPORT

| | Strong Reason To <u>Support</u> | Medium Reason To <u>Support</u> | Weak Reason To <u>Support</u> | |
|---|--|--|--|-------|
| A state Earned Income Tax Credit would help working families who are struggling to get by | 51 | 39 | 10 | [251] |
| A state Earned Income Tax Credit has been linked to improvements in the health and well-being of children | 48 | 39 | 13 | [253] |
| A state Earned Income Tax Credit would help one million working families | 47 | 40 | 13 | [252] |
| A state Earned Income Tax Credit could improve access to healthcare | 47 | 35 | 18 | [254] |
| A state Earned Income Tax Credit could reduce infant mortality | 44 | 31 | 25 | [255] |

8c. Based on everything you just heard, do you favor or oppose restoring the state Earned Income Tax Credit in North Carolina?

| | | Initial Choice | |
|---------------------------------------|------|-------------------|-------|
| | Q.8c | <u>(Q.7b)</u> | |
| Strongly favor | 30 | 34 | [256] |
| Somewhat favor | 35 | 39 | |
| Somewhat oppose | 14 | 9 | |
| Strongly oppose | 8 | 5 | |
| Do not know enough to have an opinion | 13 | 13 | |
| Total Favor | 65 | 73 | |
| Total Oppose | 22 | 14 | |

9a. Do you support or oppose legislation to require equal pay for equal work?

| Strongly support | 63 | [257] |
|------------------|----|-------|
| Somewhat support | 29 | |
| Somewhat oppose | 5 | |
| Strongly oppose | 3 | |
| Total Support | 92 | |
| Total Oppose | 8 | |

9b. For every dollar a man makes, women make 80 cents for the same job. Knowing this, do you support or oppose legislation to require that a woman doesn't get paid less for the same job because of her gender?

| Strongly support | 65 | [258] |
|------------------|----|-------|
| Somewhat support | 21 | |
| Somewhat oppose | 6 | |
| Strongly oppose | 8 | |
| Total Support | 86 | |
| Total Oppose | 14 | |

9c. For every dollar a white man makes, black women make 61 cents for the same job, and Latinas make 59 cents. Knowing this, do you support or oppose legislation to require that no one is paid less for the same job because of his or her race?

| Strongly support | 65 | [259] |
|------------------|----|-------|
| Somewhat support | 20 | |
| Somewhat oppose | 6 | |
| Strongly oppose | 9 | |
| Total Support | 85 | |
| Total Oppose | 15 | |

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10a. Do you or someone you know benefit from anti-poverty programs provided by the government, such as Medicaid, housing assistance, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)?

| Yes | 36 | [260] |
|----------|----|-------|
| No | 56 | |
| Not sure | 8 | |

10b. Do you feel very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative toward antipoverty programs in North Carolina?

| | | | Don't | |
|-------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| | | Know | Know | |
| | | Someone | Someone | |
| | <u>All</u> | Benefitting | Benefitting | |
| Very positive | 16 | 24 | 11 | [261] |
| Somewhat positive | 27 | 36 | 22 | |
| Neutral | 41 | 27 | 50 | |
| Somewhat negative | 13 | 12 | 13 | |
| Very negative | 3 | 1 | 4 | |
| Total Positive | 43 | 60 | 33 | |
| Total Negative | 16 | 13 | 17 | |

11a. Thinking about ways to help out North Carolinians who have fallen on hard times, I'm going to read you a list of possible tax-funded programs that can help families who are struggling. Please rate each on a scale of 0 to 10 based on which you think is the best way to raise help your neighbors in a fair and equitable way, where 10 means this program is an EXTREMELY good way to help struggling families in your community, a 5 means you think it is a SOMEWHAT good way, and a 0 means it is NOT AT ALL a good way to help your neighbors in a fair and equitable way.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY EXTREMELY GOOD WAY (RATING "8-10")

| | Total | Extrem Good V | - | | t At All od Way | |
|--|-------------|------------------|------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|
| | <u>8-10</u> | <u>9-10</u> | <u>7-8</u> | <u>5-6</u> | <u>0-4</u> | |
| Affordable healthcare | 63 | 48 | 25 | 18 | 9 | [272-273] |
| Food assistance | 62 | 40 | 35 | 18 | 7 | [266-267] |
| Energy/heating assistance | 55 | 35 | 34 | 21 | 10 | [268-269] |
| An Earned Income Tax Credit that would help working families | 49 | 32 | 31 | 22 | 15 | [262-263] |
| Housing assistance | 47 | 30 | 33 | 25 | 12 | [270-271] |
| Cash assistance | 22 | 15 | 17 | 23 | 45 | [264-265] |

11b. You will now see the same list of items. For each item, please indicate whether you think this item should be ensured for you and your family, your neighbors, your local community, or your state. You may select as many as you think apply.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

| You And Your <u>Family</u> | Your <u>Neighbors</u> | Your Local Community | Your <u>State</u> | Need To Be Ensured | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 38 | 34 | 45 | 70 | 13 | [279] |
| 26 | 26 | 38 | 57 | 25 | [274] |
| 26 | 27 | 53 | 59 | 13 | [276] |
| 24 | 25 | 48 | 56 | 15 | [277] |
| 19 | 23 | 50 | 56 | 17 | [278] |
| 16 | 16 | 24 | 26 | 58 | [275] |
| | Your Family 38 26 26 24 19 | Your Family Your Neighbors 38 34 26 26 26 27 24 25 19 23 | Your Family Your Neighbors Your Local Community 38 34 45 26 26 38 26 27 53 24 25 48 19 23 50 | Your Family Your Neighbors Your Community Your State 38 34 45 70 26 26 38 57 26 27 53 59 24 25 48 56 19 23 50 56 | You And Your Pamily Your Pamily Your Pamily Your Pamily Need To Be Pamily 38 34 45 70 13 26 26 38 57 25 26 27 53 59 13 24 25 48 56 15 19 23 50 56 17 |

12a. Now you will read some information about a proposal to establish a paid FAMILY leave program.

(FORM A) Create a paid family and medical leave insurance program, funded through shared contributions between employers and employees, that would provide workers with some portion of their paycheck while taking time away from work to deal with a serious personal or family illness or to care for a new child. *

(FORM B) Create a paid family and medical leave insurance program, funded through employer contributions, that would provide workers with some portion of their paycheck while taking time away from work to deal with a serious personal or family illness or to care for a new child. **

Based on what you just read, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose establishing a paid FAMILY leave program?

| | | FORM | FORM | |
|------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------|
| | <u>All</u> | <u>A</u> * | <u>B</u> ** | |
| Strongly support | 36 | 34 | 38 | [280] |
| Somewhat support | 48 | 51 | 46 | |
| Somewhat oppose | 11 | 8 | 12 | |
| Strongly oppose | 5 | 7 | 4 | |
| Total Support | 84 | 85 | 84 | |
| Total Oppose | 16 | 15 | 16 | |

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

12b. Next you will read some information about a proposal to establish a paid leave program.

(FORM A) Require all North Carolina employers to provide a minimum amount of earned, paid sick days for workers to address their own health and safety needs, as well as those of their families. *

(FORM B) Require large employers in North Carolina to provide a minimum amount of earned, paid sick days for workers to address their own health and safety needs, as well as those of their families. **

Based on what you just read, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose establishing a paid leave program?

| | | FORM | FORM | |
|------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------|
| | <u>All</u> | <u>A</u> * | <u>B</u> ** | |
| Strongly support | 46 | 44 | 48 | [308] |
| Somewhat support | 41 | 44 | 39 | |
| Somewhat oppose | 8 | 6 | 10 | |
| Strongly oppose | 5 | 6 | 3 | |
| Total Support | 87 | 88 | 87 | |
| Total Oppose | 13 | 12 | 13 | |

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

And thinking specifically about the proposal to provide a minimum of earned, paid sick days for North Carolina workers, please select the following you find to be the more persuasive argument.

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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Changing subjects...

13a. Some people have argued that workers who work over 40 hours per week should be guaranteed overtime pay. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this proposal?

| Strongly support | 60 | [310] |
|------------------|----|-------|
| Somewhat support | 30 | |
| Somewhat oppose | 7 | |
| Strongly oppose | 3 | |
| Total Support | 90 | |
| Total Oppose | 10 | |

13b. You will now read two statements that have been made about overtime pay. Please select the statement that comes closest to your personal opinion.

| Expanding the threshold for overtime protections in North Carolina to include more salaried workers will help grow the middle class, improve local economies, and increase the quality of life for all North Carolinians | 76 | [311] |
|--|----|-------|
| Expanding the threshold for overtime protections in North Carolina to include more salaried workers will have devastating consequences for North Carolina's fragile economy by forcing companies to pay extra to workers | | |
| for additional hours worked | 24 | |

13c. You will now read some reasons that people have given for guaranteeing overtime pay in North Carolina. For each one, please indicate whether it is a strong reason, medium reason, or weak reason to support guaranteeing overtime pay in North Carolina.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONG REASON TO SUPPORT

| | Strong Reason To Support | Medium Reason To Support | Weak Reason To <u>Support</u> | |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-------|
| No matter our differences, most of us want pretty similar things and want to be treated fairly. When big businesses rig the rules so that they can force workers to work 10, 20, or more hours without compensation, that's not fair. Big corporations are doing fine, but North Carolinians are struggling to make ends meet. It's time to update overtime protections | 56 | 31 | 13 | [313] |
| Wealthy special interests have rigged the rules to make it hard for workers to get ahead. These big companies force workers to work 50, 60, or even more hours a week, but don't compensate for the extra time. Working people, whether white, Black or brown, deserve to get paid for their work | 51 | 27 | 22 | [312] |

Moving along...

| 14a. Are you very familiar, somewhat familiar, or not at all familiar with the term "gerrymand |
|--|
|--|

| Total Familiar | 66 | |
|---------------------|----|--------|
| Not at all familiar | 34 | |
| Somewhat familiar | 34 | |
| Very familiar | 32 | [314] |
| Very familiar | 32 | [31/1] |

"Gerrymandering" is when one political party draws the boundaries of Congressional or state legislative voting districts to favor their party and/or hurt the other, or to reduce the voting power of certain racial groups. For instance, in the 2018 election, Republicans received 49.5% of all votes for the state house, and control 55% of the seats. Republicans received 50% of all votes for the state senate, and control 58% of the seats.

As you may know, members of the North Carolina General Assembly draw the voting district maps for their own elections to the state house and senate as well as for federal elections to the U.S. House of Representatives. While North Carolina is a swing state, one political party currently holds 10 of the 13 congressional seats and nearly two-thirds of state legislative seats.

Knowing that, when it comes to your feelings about gerrymandering, would you say you feel...?

| Very favorable | 2 | [315] |
|----------------------|----|-------|
| Somewhat favorable | 4 | |
| Neutral | 34 | |
| Somewhat unfavorable | 17 | |
| Very unfavorable | 43 | |
| Total Favorable | 6 | |
| Total Unfavorable | 60 | |

Now we would like to ask a few questions about voting...

15a. Do you support or oppose allowing people who have been convicted of a felony to regain the right to vote once they are no longer in prison?

| Support | 51 | [316] |
|---------------------------------------|----|-------|
| Oppose | 27 | |
| Do not know enough to have an opinion | 22 | |

15b. Many people in North Carolina, including even probation officers, are confused about the rules for voting for a person who has been convicted of a felony. Under current law, someone who mistakenly believes that they are allowed to vote can be charged with a felony simply for trying to register or vote, even if it's clear they did not intend to break the law. Should the law...?

| Stay the way it is | 24 | [318] |
|---|----|-------|
| Be changed to require proof that the person intended to break the law | 76 | |

FACTUALS: These last few questions are for statistical purposes only.

F1a. Regardless of how you may be registered, how would you describe your overall point of view in terms of the political parties?

| Mostly Republican | 25 | [319] |
|------------------------|----|-------|
| Leaning Republican | 15 | |
| Completely independent | 20 | |
| Leaning Democratic | 13 | |
| Mostly Democratic | 27 | |
| Total Republican | 40 | |
| Total Democratic | 40 | |

F1b. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be very conservative, somewhat conservative, middle of the road, somewhat liberal, or very liberal?

| Somewhat conservative Middle of the road | _ | |
|--|----|--|
| Somewhat liberal | 18 | |
| Very liberal | 9 | |
| Total Conservative | 42 | |
| Total Liberal | 27 | |

F2. Would you describe the area you live in as urban, suburban, small town, or rural?

| Urban | 15 | [321] |
|------------|----|-------|
| Suburban | 47 | |
| Small town | 15 | |
| Rural | 23 | |

F3. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, what would the total be?

| 6 | [322] |
|----|-------------------------------------|
| 5 | |
| 7 | |
| 10 | |
| 6 | |
| 21 | |
| 18 | |
| 16 | |
| 11 | |
| | 5 7 10 6 21 18 16 |

F4. As you may know, the census will happen in 2020 across the United States. This year people will have the option of filling out their form online. While we still have a little ways to go before the census begins, which best describes you personally?

| I will most likely fill out the census form on paper and mail it back in I will most likely fill out the census form online I will fill out the form in person at my door I will probably not participate in the census this year Not sure | 32 53 2 1 | [323] |
|--|--------------------|-------|
| Total Will Fill Out Census | 87 | |

| F5. | Do you come from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS "NO, |
|-----|---|
| | ASK:) What is your race? |

| White | 74 | [115] |
|---------------------------|----|-------|
| Black or African American | 19 | |
| Hispanic | 3 | |
| Asian | 1 | |
| Other | 3 | |

F6. What is your gender?

| Male | 42 | [116] |
|--------|----|-------|
| Female | 58 | |

F7. In what year were you born?

| 18-24 | 3 | [117-120] |
|--------------|----|-----------|
| 25-29 | 2 | |
| 30-34 | 7 | |
| 35-39 | 6 | |
| 40-44 | 9 | |
| 45-49 | 8 | |
| 50-54 | 7 | |
| 55-59 | 11 | |
| 60-64 | 13 | |
| 65-69 | 10 | |
| 70-74 | 11 | |
| 75 and older | 13 | |

F8. What is the last year of education you completed?

| Grade school | - 1 | [121] |
|---|--------|-------|
| High school graduate | 15 | |
| Some college, no degree | 16 | |
| Vocational training/2-year college | 19 | |
| 4-year college/bachelor's degree | 28 | |
| Some postgraduate work, no degree | 5 | |
| 2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree | 13 | |
| Doctoral/law degree | 3 | |